

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION REPORT**

I. Date: November 23, 1992
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Subject: Avelon Street Dump Site, Chicago, Illinois
POLREP: Second and final POLREP

II. Background

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



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Site No.: PW
Delivery Order No.:
NPL Status: Non-NPL
State Notification: IEPA
Status if Action Memorandum: None
Longitude: 87° 50' 1.8" Latitude: 41° 45' 1.5"
Removal Start Date: None

III. Incident Category

CERCLA incident category: Emergency Response

Situation

In early November, 1991, Local authorities received information from a witness who claimed that Mr. Pritts of Pritts Cartage dumped over one hundred drums from one of his truck onto the 7700 block of Anthony Avenue. Local authorities contacted the IEPA. IEPA requested The IEPA requested U.S. EPA for assistance.

IV. Response Information

Planned Response Actions.

No actions are planned the site

Current Response Actions Taken

11/15/91 - IEPA, Chicago Environmental Protection Div., and Chicago Haz-mat Team mobilized to the site mid-morning. The OSC along with TAT responded to the emergency later in the day upon the request of the state.

11/18/91 - TAT collected five drums samples and sent them to an accredited laboratory.

11/21/91 - The results from the laboratory indicated that one of the drums contents had a flashpoint greater than 70 degrees Fahrenheit. TAT was requested by the OSC to collect samples from as many drums on site as possible. The criminal investigators notified the OSC that approximately thirty drums were taken off site and OSC planned drum sampling for 11/26/91. The U.S EPA Criminal Investigators the samples be sent to the U.S. EPA-NIEC laboratory in Lakewood, CO..

11/26/91 - OSC Simes, U.S. EPA Criminal Investigator, FBI, IEPA, and TAT were on-site. The drums on-site were inspected by TAT and thirty -one drums were sampled.

08/25/92 - OSC Simes and TAT responded to the claim that the drums were properly disposed of by the PRP. A witness to the drum removal explained that the drums were cut into quarters and sold for scrap. The contents of the drums were allowed to flow onto the ground. The City of Chicago Sanitation Division cleared the area with front end loaders. The debris was temporarily staged on-site for future pick-up.

Future Actions

No future action is planed by the OSC.